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Bishop H. N. McTYEIRE, Presiding.

JOHN T. SAWYER, Secretary.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

January 8-14, 1879.

The Thirty-third Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was held in the Carondelet Street Church at New Orleans, La., beginning on Wednesday, January 8, 1879, Bishop Holland N. McTyeire in the chair,

The daily sessions were held from 9½ A.M. to 2 P.M., and were opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop and various members of the Conference.

John T. Sawyer was elected Secretary and William Hart as his Assistant,

The following members were present during the Session :

CLERICAL.—Linus Parker, John Mathews, Joseph B. Walker, John Hannon, S. H. Werlein, Lewis A. Reed, John T. Sawyer, T. K. Faunt Leroy, R. J. Harp, Jas. A. Ivy, Jas. L. Wright, J. Lane Borden, C. W. Carter, Henry O. White, N. S. Cornell, Thos. H. McClendon, B. F. Alexander, Jas. M. McKee, R. S. Trippett, Thos. S. Randle, Jos. H. Stone, Jas. A. Parker, Robt. Parvin, John A. Miller, Thos. J. Upton, A. A. Cornett, Robert T. Parish, John F. Patterson, C. W. Hodge, Robt. Randle, Joel T. Daves, John Pipes, Geo. M. Liverman, J. M. Brown, Thos. J. Hough. W. D. Stayton, Jos. W. Medlock, Wm. Hart, Christian Keener, Phillip Allen, C. R. Godfrey, Geo. Jackson, John F. Wynn, Felix G. Hocutt, Fred. White, John W. Hearn, J. D. Harper, J. J. Billingsley, J. V. Pointer, R. S. Isbell, Baxter Clegg, Enos B. Foust, M. C. Manly, James E. Cobb, B. F. White, Alfred E. Clay, J. F. Scurlock, P. M. Goodwyn, Ph. H. Diffenweirth.

Lay.—Alvan E. Read, W. H. Foster, John G. Parham, R. M. Walmsley, Dr. A. S. Helmick, James Moore, T. C. Standifer, F. E. Bowman, A. C. Calhoun, Thos. Armstrong, Rev. John F. Marshall, W. D. White, U. T. Blackshear, Henry Schneider.

The Presiding Elders were constituted a Committee to fill various Committees required, and reported the following nomina tions, which were approved by the Conference, viz :

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Linus Parker, J. B. Walker, J. Mathews, J. Hannon, S. H. Werlein.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. M. Brown, J. F. Scurlock, W. H, Foster.

CO MITTTEE ON EDUCATION.

Joel T. Daves, A. C. Calhoun, T. H. Armstrong, R. S. Isbell, N. S. Cornell.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Joseph B. Walker, B. F. Alexander, Jas. A. Parker, John Pipes, Jas. E. Cobb, John F. Marshall, Alvan E. Read.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

John A. Miller, Baxter Clegg, R. S. Trippett.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

J. Lane Borden, John Pipes, Jos. B. Walker.

The regular Disciplinary questions were then taken up, as follows :

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

A. James M. Beard, Samuel Keener.

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

A. John T. Graham, J. L. P. Sheppard, Patrick Galvin, John B. Cassity, Robert M. Blocker, Jas. A. Biggs.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued?

A. Abel Hoffpauir.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. S. H. Werlein, T. K. Faunt Le Roy, Thos. J. Hough and W. J. Picot, a Missionary of the Wesleyan Church in Hayti, who received into full connection, his Orders as Elder being recognized by the Conference.

Q. 5. Who are re-admitted?

A. Charles R. Benson.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer?

A. None.

Q. 7. Who are Deacons of one year?

A. None.

Q. 8. What travelling teachers are elected deacons?

A. S. H. Werlein, T. K. Faunt Le Roy, Thos. J. Hough.

Q. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

A. By Bishop H. N. McTyeire, after the 11 A. M. sermon, in Felicity Street Church, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 12, 1879, S. H. Werlein. T. K. Faunt Leroy, Thos. J. Hough.

Q. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

A. Jas. D. Byars, Frank D. Galloway, James A Biggs.

Q. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

A. By Bishop H. N. McTyeire, after the 11 A. M. sermon, in Felicity Street Church, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 12, 1879, Jas. D. Byars and Jas. A. Biggs.

Q. 12. What travelling preachers are elected Elders?

A. John F. Patterson.

Q. 13. What travelling preachers are ordained Elders?

A. By Bishop H. N. McTyeire. after the 7 P. M. sermon in St. Charles Avenue Church, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 12, 1879, John F. Patterson,

Q. 14. What local preachers are elected Elders?

A. None.

Q. 15. What Local preachers are ordained Elders?

A. None.

Q. 16. Who are located this year?

A. Whitmel P. Kimball and Robert J. Harp, at their own request.

Q. 17. Who are Supernumerary this year?

A. A. G. Miller.

Q. 18. Who are superannuated this year?

A. H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. Y. Yancy, P. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, P. H. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid, Jesse Fulton.

Q. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

A. Tiff Foster, Ph. W. Moss and Samuel Shroeder.

Q. 20 Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?

A. Their names were called one by one and their characters were examined and passed.

Q. 21 What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Stations, Circuits and Missions of the Conference?

A	Local Preachers	74	Members	14,242
	Last year	76	Last year	15,022
	Decrease,	2	Decrease,	780

Q. 22 What is the number of infants baptized this year?

A. This year.....693
Last year.....617

Increase.....76

Q. 23 What is the number of adults baptized this year?

A. This year.....616
Last year.....794

Decrease.....178

Q. 24 What is the number of Sunday Schools?

A. This year.....113
Last year.....119

Decrease.....6

Q. 25 What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

A. This year.....755
Last year.....791

Decrease.....36

Q. 26 What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

A. This year.....5,214
Last year.....5,237

Decrease.....23

Q. 27 What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers?

A. $4,530.

Q. 28 What has been collected on the foregoing accounts during the past year, and how has it been applied?

A. $996,35, and paid pro rata to claimants.

Q. 29 What has been collected for Msssions?

A. For Foreign Missions.....$2,256,8

Last year..... 2,487,95

Decrease..... 231,13

For Domestic Missions.....$892,73

Last year..... 780,65

Increase.....$112,08

Q. 30 Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

A. Baton Rouge, La.

Q. 31 Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....LINUS PARKER, P. E.
Carondelet Street.....Joseph B. Walker.
Felicity Street.....John Hannon.
St. Charles Avenue.....John Mathews.
Moreau Street.....Lewis A. Reed.
Louisiana Avenue.....S. H. Werlein.
Algiers.....James M. Beard.
Lafourche Mission.....To be supplied.
Baton Rouge.....John T. Sawyer.
A. G. Miller, Supernumerary.
Plaquemine & Grosse Tete.....T. K. Faunt Le Roy.
Editior of N. O. Christian Advocate..Linus Parker.
South Western Bible Society.....James A. Ivy.
Institute for the Blind at B. Rouge.....Patrick Lane.

DELHI DISTRICT.....J. E. COBB, P. E.
Monroe and Delhi.....J. M. Brown.
Trenton.....J. L. Wright.
Bastrop.....C. W. Carter.
Lind Grove.....J. M. McKee.
Oak Ridge.....N. S. Cornell.
Rayville.....C. R. Benson.
Winnsboro.....Thos. S. Randle&one to be supplied
Waterproof.....Philip Allen.
Tensas Mission }.....To be supplied.
Tensas Chapel }.....A. M. Wailes.
Lake Providence & Pecan Grove.....H. O. White.
Floyd.....T H. McClendon.
Madison Mission.....To be supplied.

HOMER DISTRICT.....JOSEPH H. STONE, P. E.
Homer ..... J. A. Parker.
Lisbon.....Robt. Parvin.
Haynesville .....John A. Miller.
Minden.....J. E. Bradley.
Sparta.....R. M Crowson.
Arcadia.. ..... T. J. Upton.
Vernon .....A. A. Cornett.
Indian Village..... R. T. Parish.
Rochester.....To be supplied.
Downsville .....John F. Patterson.
Farmerville .....To be supplied.
Webster.....To be supplied.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....ROBERT RANDLE, P. E.
Shreveport ....Joel T. Daves.
Mooringsport..... .....R. A. Davis.
Caddo .....J. M. Johnston.
Logansport Mission .. ..John Pipes.
Desoto ....George M. Liverman.
Mansfield..... .....J. Lane Borden.
Pleasant Hill..... .....John B. Cassity.
Natchitoches..... .....Thos. J. Hough.
Natchitoches Circuit..... .....R. M. Blocker,
Anacoco..... .....J. M. Franklin.
Springville ....W D. Stayton,
East Point . ...John T. Graham.
South Bossier..... ....J. W. Medlock,
North Bossier ....William Hart.
Manny Circuit, Cotile & Lone Oak .. ....To be supplied.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....C. KEENER, P. E.
Alexandria .... Samuel Keener.
Pineville and Colfax..... .....J L. P. Sheppard.
Rapides..... .....W. R. Whatley.
Montgomery Circuit..... .....C. R. Godfrey.
Harrisonburg and Trinity.....R. S. Trippett and Geo. Jackson
Sicily Island..... .....B. F. Alexander.
Centreville..... .....C. W. Hodge.
Columbia and Castor ....R. S. Isbell and Jas. A. Biggs.
Bayou Bœuff and Evergreen.....F. G. Hocutt and F. White.
Spring Creek ....S. H. Cooper.
Simsport ....Patrick Galvin.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT .....JACOB D. HARPER, P. E.
Opelousas..... .....M. C. Manly,
Washington ....Jno. F. Wynn.
Vermillionville and Plaq. Brulée.....Baxter Clegg.
Abbeville..... .....Enos B. Foust.
Indian Bayou ....John V. Pointer
New Iberia..... ...J. J Billingsly and W. J. Picot
Franklin..... .....B. F. White.
Pattersonville and Morgan City..... ..Alf. E. Clay:
Lake Charles and Grand Cheniere.....J. F. Scurlock.
Sugar Town..... ....Jno. W. Hearn.
Calcasieu Mission.....To be supplied.

SUPERANNUATED.—H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancy, Philo M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Ph. W. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid, and Jesse Fulton.

TRANSFERRED.—To North Alabama Conference, William P. Owen; and to West Texas Conference, Geo T. Freeman.

MEMBERSHIP.

Q. 21 What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Stations, Circuits and Missions of the Conference?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

	MEMBERS.		LOCAL PREACHERS.
Carondelet Street	605	col'd 5	3
Felicity Street	346	col'd 3	1
St. Charles Avenue	183		4
Moreau Street	91		
Louisiana Avenue	159		1
Algiers	125		
Lafourche Mission	78		
Baton Rouge	284		
Plaquemine & Grosse Tête	42		
White,	1,913	col'd, 8	9

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe and Delhi	212		1
Trenton	176		1
Bastrop	129		
Lind Grove	270		2
Oak Ridge	73	1	
Rayville	228	1	
Winnsboro	200		1
Oakley	221		
Waterproof	75		1
Tensas Mission	50		
Tensas Chapel	18		
Lake Provid'ce & PecanGrove	64		1
Floyd	268		5
Madison	17		1
Whtie,	2,001	col'd. 2	14

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer	304		2
Lisbon	375		3
Haynesville	344		2
Minden	236		
Sparta	280		3
Arcadia	369		
Vernon	474		1
Indian Village	279		4
Rochester	173		
Downsville	479		
Farmerville	146		1
Webster	200		1
White.	3,659		17

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

	MEMBERS.		LOCAL PREACHERS.
Shreveport	166		
Mooringsport	77		
Caddo	246		1
Logansport Mission	38		
De Soto	213		
Mansfield	122		1
Pleasant Hill	620		2
Natchitoches	87		
Natchitoches Circuit	142		2
Anacoco	251	1	5
Springville	249		5
South Bossier	182		1
North Bossier	154		1
	White, 2,547	col'd. 1	18

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria and Pineville	100		
Rapides	400		1
Montgomery	231		1
Harrisonburg & Sicily Island	235	15	1
Centerville	345	30	1
Trinity	40		
Columbia	335		2
Castor	156	1	1
Bayou Bœuff	116		
Evergreen	100	10	1
Spring Creek	291		4
	White, 2.349	col'd 56	12

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	105		1
Grand Coteau	12		
Washington	153		
Vermillionv'e & Plaq Brulée	168		1
Abbeville	102		
Indian Bayou	220		
New Iberia	227		
Franklin	147		
Pattersonville & Morgan City	85		1
Lake Charles	86		1
Grand Chenière	130	10	
Sugar Town	190		
Calcasieu Mission	71		
	White, 1,696	col'd 10	4

RECAPITULATION.

	MEMBERS.			LOCAL PREACHERS
New Orleaus District	1913	8		9
Delhi District	2001	2		14
Homer District	3659			17
Shreveport District	2547	1		18
Alexandria District	2349	56		12
Opelousas District	1696	10		4
Total White.	14,165	col'd	77	74
" colored,	77			
Membership this year	14,242			
" last year	15,022			
Decrease	780			

BAPTISMS.

Questions 22 and 23. What is the number of infants and adults baptized this year?

Answer:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

	ADULTS.	INFANTS.
Carondelet Street	25	40
Felicity Street	5	20
St. Charles Avenue	11	6
Moreau Street	—	—
Louisiana Avenue	—	11
Algiers	3	5
Lafourche Mission	—	7
Baton Rouge	17	31
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	2	—
	63	120

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe and Delhi	—	8
Trenton	2	13
Bastrop	8	3
Lind Grove	14	9
Oak Ridge	2	5
Rayville	6	1
Winnsboro	7	17
Oakley	12	7
Waterproof	3	2
Tensas Mission	—	3
Tensas Chapel	—	—
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	—	12
Floyd	15	8
Madison	3	5
	72	93

HOMER DISTRICT.

	ADULTS	INFANTS.
Homer	13	15
Lisbon	20	22
Haynesville	31	6
Minden	11	2
Sparta		No Report.
Arcadia	10	8
Vernon	10	7
Indian Village	6	4
Rochester		No Report.
Downsville	15	5
Farmerville	2	—
Webster		No Report.
	118	69

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	8	11
Mooringsport		
Caddo	8	1
Logansport Mission	10	3
De Soto	2	15
Mansfield	1	2
Pleasant Hill	52	29
Natchitoches	18	10
Natchitoches Circuit	—	24
Anacoco	35	16
Springville	4	10
South Bossier	4	12
North Bossier	2	5
	144	138

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria and Pineville	—	5
Rapides	20	30
Montgomery	5	4
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	8	18
Centerville	—	2
Trinity	—	9
Columbia	18	32
Castor	7	8
Bayou Bœuff	22	19
Evergreen	8	10
Spring Creek	30	15
	118	152

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

	ADULTS.	INFANTS.
Opelousas	4	15
Grand Coteau	5	4
Washington	6	9
Vermillionville and Plaq. Brulee		21
Abbeville	12	
Indian Bayou		
New Iberia	1	10
Franklin	2	19
Pattersonville & Morgan City	31	15
Lake Charles	4	8
Grand Cheniere		
Sugar Town	36	20
Calcassieu Mission		
	101	121

RECAPITULATION.

	ADULTS.	INFANTS.
New Orleans District	63	120
Delhi District	72	98
Homer	118	69
Shreveport	144	138
Alexandria	118	152
Opelousas	101	121
	616	693

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Questions 24. 25, 26. What is the number of Sunday Schools, Teachers and Scholars? Answer.

New Orleans District.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools	Collected for Missions.	Periodicals Taken.	Scholars Received into the Church.
Carondelet Street	1	29	250	1000	$70 91	$384 05	490	16
Felicity Street	1	30	369	1550	150 00	126 00	270	25
Moreau Street	1	10	120	1200	77 00	61 05	100	
Louisiana Avenue	2	33	275	500	200 00	25 00	350	12
St. Charles Avenue	2	30	153	375	181 41	12 67	205	8
Algiers	1	16	130	125	90 30	17 00	100	4
Lafourche Mission	1							
Plaquemine & Grosse Tete	1	2	10					
Baton Rouge	1	21	200	550	200 20	10 60	150	14
	11	171	1507	5300	$969 82	$636 37	1665	79
Delhi District.								
Monroe and Delhi	2	16	160	500	110 00		160	1
Trenton	2	19	85	400	75 00	11 20	137	
Bastrop	1	12	60	175			100	6
Lind Grove	2	10	32		15 50			7
Oak Ridge	1	8	45	50	10 00		30	
Rayville	2	14	60	100	25 00		30	6
Winnsboro	2	12	50	100	10 00			
Oakley	2	3	20					
Waterproof	1	13	41	343			55	7
Tensas Mission / Tensas Chapel	1	5	20		4 25		10	
Lake Prov'd'ce & Pecan Grove	2	12	67	250	25 00		75	5
Floyd	4	10	100	250				6
Madison								
	22	134	740	2168	274 75	11 20	597	38
Homer District.								
Homer	3	15	181	100	29 00		165	13
Lisbon	4	20	120		10 00			14
Haynesville	6	42	236	365	22 50		65	
Minden	3	15	150	250	58 00		100	
Sparta					no report			
Arcadia	2	10	40	200				
Vernon	3	18	85	225	10 00		40	
Indian Village					no report			
Rochester								
Downsville	2	10	50		14 70		20	1
Farmerville					no report			
Webster								
	23	130	862	1140	144 20		390	28

Shreveport District.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Periodicals Taken.	Scholars received into the Church.
Shreveport	1	16	175	500	$ 150 00	.....	216	.....
Mooringsport	2	13	60	148	4 00	.....	10	.....
Caddo	1	7	40	.....	13 00	.....	16	.....
Logansport Mission	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
De Soto	2	12	100	.....	14 95	.....	100	3
Mansfield	1	12	95	150	32 00	4 10	160	.....
Pleasant Hill	4	20	125	200	20 00	.....	100	.....
Natchitoches	1	8	50	200	35 00	3 60	100	3
Natchitoches Circuit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anacoco	4	14	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Springville	5	22	125	300	4 00	.....	12	10
East Point	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bossier	2	8	50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
North Bossier	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	23	132	945	1498	277 95	7 70	714	31
Alexandria District.								
Alexandria and Pineville	2	5	50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Rapides	4	16	80	150	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	2	15	85	90	24 50	.....	.....	3
Centerville	1	6	80	100	.....	.....	.....	4
Trinity	1	6	20	50	4 00	.....	.....	2
Columbia	3	15	75	250	50 00	.....	.....	5
Castor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bayou Bœuff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen	3	15	100	200	.....	.....	.....	3
Spring Creek	1	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	17	80	500	840	88 50			17
Opelousas District.								
Opelousas	1	6	50	160	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Coteau	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	3	12	70	390	9 90	.....	35	14
Vermillionville and Plaq. Brulée	3	17	75	350	17 00	6 00	75	4
Abbeville	2	8	40	150	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Bayou	1	6	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Iberia	1	8	50	200	42 00	6 00	150	.....
Franklin	1	7	60	150	20 00	.....	91	4
Pattersonville and Morgan City	1	6	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Charles	1	8	60	175	59 40	10 70	63	.....
Grand Chenière	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Town	3	30	190	65	10 00	.....	.....	20
Calcasieu Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	17	108	660	1640	158 60	22 70	414	42

Recapitulation.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Periodicals Taken.	Scholars Received Into the Church.
New Orleans District	11	171	1507	5330	$ 969 82	$636 37	1665	79
Delhi District	22	134	740	2168	274 75	11 20	597	38
Homer District	23	130	862	1140	144 20	.....	390	28
Shrevevort District	23	132	945	1498	277 95	7 70	714	31
Alexandria District	17	80	500	840	88 50	.....	.....	17
Opelousas District	11	108	660	1640	158 60	22 70	414	42
Aggregate	113	755	5214	12586	1, 913 82	677 97	3780	235
Last Year	119	791	5237	12795	2, 212 12	687 85	3583	345

Q. 27. What amount was assessed for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers?

A. $4,530, apportioned as follows:

New Orleans District	$1,200	
Delhi.....do	700	
Opelousas.....do	600	
Homer.....do	800	
Shreveport...do	800	
Alexandria...do	430	$4,530

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts during the past year, and how has it been applied?

A. By New Orleans District.....$808 95
" Delhi.....do..... 257 55
" Opelousas.....do..... 339 70
" Homer.....do..... 194 55
" Shreveport....do..... 263 65
" Alexandria.....do..... 126 80
" Vote of Conference turned over to this Fund..... 5 15 $1,996 35

This amount was distributed to Conference Claimants, as follows:

Mrs. W. G. McGaughey	$60 00,	sent by P. H. Diffenwierth,
H. C. Thweatt.....	158 25	" John Pipes,
Mrs. J. D. Adams.....	150	" H. Sneider,
J. C. Reid.....	230	" A. A. Cornett,
Mrs. J. H. Waters.....	50	" B. F. Alexander,
Jesse Fulton.....	100	" M. D. Stayton,
Mrs. Fielding Bell.....	60	" J. B. Walker,
Mrs. R. Randle.....	50	" R. Randle,
J. S. Davis.....	140	" C. Keener,
Ph. H. Diffenwierth	200	received by him,
Mrs. John Wilkinson ...	258 10	sent by C. Keener,
E. W. Yancey.....	150	" C. Keener,
Joel Saunders.....	140	" R. J. Harp,
Orphans of C. J. Halberg	50	" C. H. Dirker,
Mrs. R. R. Alexander....	150	" B. F. Alexander,
Mrs. P. H. Moss.....	50	" J. L. Borden.
	$1,996 35	

MISSIONS.

Ques. 29. What has been collected for Missions?

Answer:

The Conference Missionary Anniversary was held in the Carondelet Street Church, Sunday night, January 12, 1879.

The meeting was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. C. G. Andrews, D. D., Rev. John Mathews, President, in the chair.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., of Nashville, and Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D. Missionary Secretary.

Rev. Joel T. Daves, Secretary, and Rev. C. W. Carter, Treasurer, presented their reports, as follows :

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF MISSONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Secretary has really but little to report in the way of Statistics. In the 77 appointments of last year there were only four named Missions. Lafourche Mission was served by Lewis A. Reid. His reports to the Conference, which will appear in the printed Minutes, are encouraging. It is felt that every dollar used on that Mission is well invested. Tensas Mission was left to be supplied, The P. Elder supplied it with Bro. Diffenwierth. His report is also encouraging. The results, as summed up in the statistics, are promising. Calcasieu Mission was served by a local preacher. Bro. Pilley. There is no organization in the bounds of the mission and no report received from the brother supplying it. Logansport mission is new ground. It was reported in the appointments of 1877 for the first time. It was without a preacher for that year. This past year it was served by Bro. Pipes, who reports good work done and a promising future.

These imperfect references are given as the best we have now to present Considering the extent of our unoccupied and imperfectly occupied territory as a Conference, it is manifest that we are lagging far behind duty and privilege in the Home field. To those serving missions, a good support ought to be given, as a matter of right to them, and as a source of encouragement in their work. In addition, we ought to enlarge our borders. Vast fields are lying out before us untouched. The demands of the hour are by no means small. As to the subject of missions at large, our obligations, &c., in that direction, will be fully presented by our beloved Secretary, Rev. Dr. Wilson.

JOEL T. DAVES,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

Cash on hand at last report	$711 74
Collected during the present year	700 28
Paid by the Rev. J. E. Cobb, on pledge	5 00
One-half of Anniversary collection	187 45
	$1,604 47

CREDITS ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

By amount paid Tensas Mission	$ 50 00
" " Grand Cheniere Mission	50 00
" " Logansport Mission	175 00
" " Rochester Mission	50 00
" " Alexandria District	100 00
" " Lafourhe Mission	290 00
" " Cash on hand	889 47
	$1,604 47

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Collected during the present year	$2069 37
One-half of Anniversary collection	187 45
	2,256 82

CREDITS ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By amount paid Mexican mission Carondelet Church		$ 415 35
" " Mexico and China by Woman's Missionary Society		236 40
" " Foreign missions Felicity St. Church		106 00
" " China miss. by Moreau St. Sun. School		25 00
" " " " Moreau St. Church		25 00
" " Mexican miss. by Felicity St. Sun. School		10 00
" " China miss. by Shreveport Church		50 00
" " Mexico from Mrs. J. B. Walker		20 00
By Cash paid J. W. Manier, Treasurer, Nashville		1369 07
		$2,256 82

C. W. CARTER,
Treasurer, La. Con. Mission Board.

REPORT IN DETAIL OF MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS IN THE VARIOUS STATIONS AND CIRCUITS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.
*Carondelet Street	$305 80	$ 87 45
Carondelet Street Sunday School	384 05	
Felicity Street	106 00	60 00
Felicity Street S. School		126 00
†St. Charles Avenue	44 38	
St. Charles Avenue S School	12 67	
Moreau Street Church	41 25	25 00
Moreau Street S School	61 05	
Louisiana Avenue Church	81 00	26 55
Louisiana Avenue S. School	25 00	
Algiers	33 00	16 00
Algiers S. School	17 00	
Lafourche Mission		
Baton Rouge	106 55	30 40
Baton Rouge S. School		10 60
Plauquemine and Gross Tete		5 00
	$1,217 75	$387 00

* $236 40 of this amount was collected by the Woman's Miss. Society of Carondelet st. Church

† The Ladies of St. Charles Avenue Church raised for the Mexican Mission $244 65.

DELHI DISTRICT.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Monroe & Delhi	$ 3 00	
Trenton	31 00	
Trenton S. School		11 20
Bastrop	51 75	13 80
Lind Grove	18 40	
Oak Ridge	6 35	
Rayville	31 25	10 75
Winnsboro	2 00	1 00
Oakley	2 00	1 00
Waterproof	12 00	3 00
Tensas Mission	11 87	11 88
Tensas Chapel	2 00	2 00
Lake Providence & Pecan Grove	1 25	5 00
Floyd	8 00	2 00
Madison	2 50	
	$183 37	$61 63

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer	$15 00	10 05
Lisbon	40 00	
Haynesville	20 00	5 00
Minden	10 00	8 00
Sparta		
Arcadia		
Vernon		15 00
Indian Village	9 00	4 00
Rochester		
Downesville	11 00	7 25
Farmerville		2 00
Webster		
	$105 00	$51 30

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	$ 85 00	25 00
Mooringsport	1 90	
Caddo	15 30	5 22
Logansport Mission		50
Desoto	32 90	14 00
Mansfield	17 50	20 10
Mansfield Sunday School	4 10	
Pleasant Hill	156 00	12 00
Natchitoches	12 00	12 00
Natchitoches Sunday School	3 60	
Natchitoches Circuit		
Anacoco		
Springville	12 00	8 00
East Point		
South Bossier	11 50	5 25
North Bossier	15 60	
	$368 30	$102 10

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Alexandria and Pineville	$4 80	
Rapides		5 00
Montgomery	5 85	
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island		2 50
Centreville		
Trinity		
Columbia	25 00	
Castor		
Bayou Boeuff	17 00	12 00
Evergreen		
Spring Creek		3 00
	$52 65	$22 50

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	$30 00	15 00
Grand Coteau		
Washington	17 45	9 00
Vermillionville and Plaquemine Brulee	4 00	11 50
Vermillionville and Plaquemine Brulee Sunday School	6 00	
Abbeville	4 00	2 75
Indian Bayou	1 00	
New Iberia	50 00	25 00
New Iberia Sunday School	6 00	
Franklin	6 25	5 00
Pattersonville and Morgan City		
Lake Charles		7 50
Lake Charles Sunday School	10 70	
Grand Cheniere		
Sugar Town	7 00	
Calcasieu Mission		
	$142 40	$75 00

RECAPITULATION.

	Foreign Missions,	Domestic Missions,
New Orleans District	$1,217 75	$387 00
Delhi District	183 37	61 63
Homer District	105 00	51 30
Shreveport District	368 30	102 10
Alexandria District	52 65	22 50
Opelousas District	142 40	75 75
	$2,069 47	$700 28
Less Error in Report	10	
	$2,069 37	

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1879.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN MATHEWS.....*President.*
R. S. TRIPPETT.....*Vice-President.*
JOEL T. DAVES.....*Secretary.*
C. W. CARTER.....*Treasurer.*

BOARD.

Clerical.

JOHN MATHEWS, R. S. TRIPPETT,
JOEL T. DAVES, J. A. MILLER,
N. S. CORNELL, C. W. CARTER.

Lay.

W. H. N. MAGRUDER, T. C. STANDIFER, J. L. SCALES.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurerof the General Board all monies he may receive for general purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and the General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' District for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the Preacher in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions and another in aid of the Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

BISHOPS' CLAIM.

Amount apportioned to the Conference	$800
Amount paid Bishop McTyeire in cash and vouchers	632 10
Deficit	$167 90

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1879.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
JOHN MATHEWS,	U. T. BLACKSHEAR.
B. F. WHITE,	T. C. STANDIFER,
Geo. M. LIVERMAN,	S. B. McCUTCHEON,
N. S. CORNELL,	W. H. FOSTER,
R. S. ISBELL,	R. J. BOWMAN.
J. A. PARKER,	A. C. CALHOUN.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1879.

For Conference Claimants		$4,530 00
New Orleans District	$1200	
Delhi District	700	
Opelousas District	600	
Homer District	800	
Shreveport District	800	
Alexandria District	430	4,530 00
For Bishop's Claim		$800 00
New Orleans District	300	
Delhi District	100	
Opelousas District	100	
Homer District	125	
Shreveport District	125	
Alexandria District	50	800 00
For Foreign Missions		3,450 00
New Orleans District	$1250	
Delhi District	500	
Homer District	550	
Shreveport District	550	
Alexandria District	250	
Opelousas District	350	3,450 00
For Domestic Missions		$1,175 00
New Orleans District	$350	
Delhi District	150	
Homer District	200	
Shreveport District	200	
Alexandria District	125	
Opelousas District	150	1,175 00

DISTRICTS.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.									CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Collected for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages.	Paid for House Rent.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected and Expended for Local Missions.	Collected for Delegates to Gen'l Conference.	Collected for the relief of Publication House.	Collected for Bible Cause.	Collected for other objects.	Number of Churches.	Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Property.	Total Value of Church Property.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.															
Carondelet Street				$499 91		$38 35			$1,515 24	1	$40,000 00			$15,000 00	$55,000 00
Felicity Street	$600 00			200 00		20 00				1	35,000 00				35,000 00
St. Charles Avenue						15 65			500 00	1	30,000 00			4,000 00	34,000 00
Moreau Street	398 20			31 05		6 65		6 00	6 65	1	20,000 00				20,000 00
Louisiana Avenue	24 50			60 00				2 65	10 00	1	6,000 00				6,000 00
Algiers	80 00			129 00						1	5,000 00				5,000 00
Lafourche Mission										4	6,000 00	1	100 00		6,100 00
Baton Rouge	755 60			80 00		7 50	43 10	3 50	181 01	1	25,000 00			300 00	25,300 00
Plaquemine and Gross Tete										2	1,500 00	1	1,500 00		3,000 00
	1,858 30			996 96		88 15	43 10	12 15	2,212 90	13	168,500 00	2	1,600 00	19,300 00	189,400 00
DELHI DISTRICT.															
Monroe and Delhi	455 00		100 00			8 25				1	1,000 00				1,000 00
Trenton	50 50					25 80				2	4,000 00			1,600 00	5 600 00
Bastrop	15 00					24 70			95 00	2	2,800 00	1	1,200 00		4,000 00
Lind Grove	450 00	178 60				5 75				3	1,350 00	1	1,200 00		2,550 00
Oak Ridge		300 00				10 00		7 75		1	1,500 00	1	600 00		2,100 00
Rayville						5 00		5 00	5 00			1	700 00		700 00
Winnsboro	303 35					2 15				2	5,000 00				5,000 00
Oakley	177 50									2	2,500 00				2,500 00
Waterproof	300 00					7 50		15 00	15 50	1	1,000 00	1	460 00		1,460 00
Tensas Mission	20 00									2	1,500 00				1,500 00
Tensas Chapel						3 00				1	1,500 00				1,500 00
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove				15 00						2	1,000 00			750 00	1,750 00
Floyd									25 00	6	5,000 00			30 00	
	,771 35	478 60	100 00	15 00		92 15		27 75	140 50	25	28,150 00	5	4,160 00	2,380 00	29,660 00
HOMER DISTRICT.															
Homer						10 00				2	4,500 00			10,000 00	14,500 00
Lisbon										4	2,800 00				2,800 00
Haynesville	2,000 00					37 20				4	4,000 00			450 00	4,450 00
Minden						10 60				4	3,140 00				3,140 00
Sparta															
Arcadia	40 00					16 10				4	2,050 00			200 00	2,250 00
Vernon		166 00				15 00			15 00	3	2,000 00	1	750 00	250 00	3,000 00
Indian Village										4				250 00	250 00
Rochester															
Downsville										3	1,000 00			300 00	1,300 00
Farmerville	70 00									2	500 00				500 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.															
Shreveport	600 00			35 00		12 25				1	3,000 00				3,000 00
Mooringsport						1 50				2	1,600 00				1,600 00
Caddo	997 00			20 00		8 00				3	2,000 00	1	250 00		2,250 00
Logansport Mission															
De Soto										3	2,800 00			100 00	2,900 00
Mansfield						10 00				1	2,000 00	1	500 00		2,500 00
Pleasant Hill						8 50			41 60	6	3,500 00	1	500 00	4,270 00	8,270 00
Natchitoches	3,000 00		150 00	25 00					50 00					300 00	300 00
Natchitoches Circuit	75 00									6	825 00				825 00
Anacoco										1	400 00				400 00
Springville	100 00	20 00		8 45		7 00				3	2,000 00	1	400 00	300 00	2,700 00
East Point															
South Bossier									4 00	2	1,200 00			100 00	1,300 00
North Bossier	400 00	17 00				5 00				2	750 00	1	250 00	20 00	1,020 00
	5,172 00	37 00	150 00	88 45		52 25			95 60	30	20,0075 00	5	1,900 00	5,090 00	27,065 00
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.															
Alexandria and Pineville	200 00								35 00	2	6,000 00	1	3,000 00	500 00	9,500 00
Rapides	25 00				2 00					8	4,000 00	1	500 00	4,000 00	8,500 00
Montgomery			30 00							2	500 00				500 00
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island										2	3,200 00			30 00	3,230 00
Centerville										6	500 00	1	100 00	150 00	750 00
Trinity									40 00	4	300 00				300 00
Columbia	10 00		100 00	20 00					51 00	2	3,000 00				3,000 00
Castor										4	500 00				500 00
Bayou Bœuff										1	250 00				250 00
Evergreen										6	8,000 00			200 00	8,200 00
Spring Creek	80 00									1	300 00				300 00
	315 00		130 00	20 00	2 00				126 00	38	26,550 00	3	3,600 00	4,880 00	35,030 00
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.															
Opelousas									3 00	1	3,800 00	1	800 00		4,600 00
Grand Coteau										1	500 00				500 00
Washington						7 00			17 35	1	2,000 00	1	700 00		2,700 00
Vermillionville and Plaq. Brulee						5 00				2	1,800 00	1	750 00	50 00	2,600 00
Abbeville									14 95	1	200 00			200 00	400 00
Indian Bayou										2	800 00				800 00
New Iberia						10 00				2	7,500 00	1	2,000 00		9,500 00
Franklin	158 70								119 55	1	2,000 00	1	2,500 00		4,500 00
Pattersonville and Morgan City				150 00						2	5,700 00	1	800 00		6,500 00
Lake Charles						3 20		2 00	50 00	1	1,600 00				1,600 00
Grand Cheniere															
Sugar Town	75 00			25 00						2	400 00			500 00	900 00
Calcasieu Mission															
	233 70			175 00		25 20		2 00	204 85	16	26,300 00	6	7,550 00	750 00	34,600 00

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Amount Received.	Amount Assessed for P. Elder.	Amount Paid to P. Elder.	Collected for Widows, Orphans and Superanuates.	Collected for Bishops.
Linus Parker, P. E.	*New Orleans District*	$700 00	$701 00				
John Matthews	Carondelet Street	3,200 00	4,010 20	$250 00	$250 00	$234 85	$117 00
Joseph B. Walker	Felicity Street	2,500 00	2,200 00	160 00	160 00	152 45	75 00
John Hannon	St. Charles Avenue	1,500 00	1,000 00	140 00	140 00	135 25	50 00
Tiff Foster and Sam'l H. Schroeder	Moreau Street	400 00	440 15	25 00	25 00	50 00	10 00
S. H. Werlein	Louisiana Avenue	1,000 00	700 00	30 00	30 00	75 00	30 00
J. M. Beard	Algiers	600 00	325 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	10 00
Lewis A. Reed	Lafourche Mission	800 09	126 05	5 00	5 00		
John T. Sawyer	Baton Rouge	1,250 00	1,253 05	50 00	51 00	105 00	30 25
T. K. Faunt Le Roy	Plaquemine & Grosse Tête	600 00	400 00	15 00	15 00	41 40	10 00
		12,550 00	11,155 45				
James L. Wright, P. E.	*Delhi District*	1,160 00	603 00				
P. H. Moss and J. L. Borden	Monroe and Delhi	1,000 00	325 35	125 00	40 50	7 00	
C. W. Carter	Trenton	1,000 00	842 85	125 00	83 40	35 00	12 00
Henry O. White	Bastrop	1,000 00	700 00	100 00	70 45	38 50	7 00
W. P. Owen	Lind Grove	945 00	575 75	75 00	40 87	13 05	3 40
N. S. Cornell	Oak Ridge	800 00	226 00	70 00	20 25	7 60	
Thos. H. McClendon	Rayville	700 09	404 60	100 00	30 40	24 25	5 50
B. F. Alexander	Winnsboro	600 00	125 00	75 00	18 40	5 00	1 00
Jas. M. McKee	Oakley	850 00	426 25	75 00	17 00	8 00	4 00
John T. Graham	Waterproof	500 00	400 00	100 00	105 00	18 00	5 00
P. H. Diffenwierth	Tensas Mission		99 15	33 00	33 00	59 40	11 85
A. M. Wailes	Tensas Chapel		95 00	17 00	15 00	3 00	7 00
R. S. Trippett	Lake Provid'ce & Pecan Grove	1,000 00	441 00	75 00	62 50	10 25	5 00
Thos. S. Randle	Floyd	800 00	315 00	100 00	38 00	15 00	6 00
Jeptha Landrum	Madison	550 00	120 50	65 00	16 50	9 50	
		11,905 00	5,699 45				

J. H. Stone, P. E.	*Homer District*	800 00	594 00				
James A. Parker	Homer	975 00	385 90	125 00	30 00	25 00	5 00
Robert Parvin	Lisbon	750 00	500 00	100 00	55 00	25 00	11 35
John A. Miller	Haynesville	775 00	665 00	100 00	100 00	25 00	10 00
J. E. Bradley	Minden	675 00	675 00			30 00	10 00
R. M. Crowson	Sparta						
Thos. J. Upton	Arcadia	595 00	314 75	50 00	63 50	15 75	4 20
A. A. Cornett	Vernon	720 00	700 00	100 00	91 00	35 00	6 00
Robert T. Parish	Indian Village	400 00	268 00	45 00	29 25	6 30	4 00
F. T. Rawson	Rochester						
J. F. Patterson	Downsville	500 00	351 15	70 00	40 75	26 50	10 25
C. W. Hodge	Farmerville						
Whitmel P. Kimball	Webster		164 00			6 00	2 00
		6,190 00	4,617 80				
Robert Randle, P. E.	*Shreveport District*	1,100 00	639 83				
Joel T. Daves	Shreveport	1,500 00	1,233 67	215 00	176 25	75 00	15 00
R. A. Davis	Mooringsport	500 00	339 05	71 40	48 45	5 85	
J. M. Johnston	Caddo	500 00	346 10	83 00	49 30	19 65	3 00
John Pipes	Logansport Mission		25 00				
Geo. M. Liverman	De Soto	600 00	458 80	85 75	50 55	37 05	9 00
J. M. Brown	Mansfield	1,000 00	699 00	144 00	75 00	25 00	6 50
J. B. Cassity	Pleasant Hill	665 00	292 95	90 00	40 13	22 00	10 00
Thos. J. Hough	Natchitoches	500 00	540 80	55 00	56 00	25 00	7 50
J. A. Monroe	Natchitoches Circuit	300 00	37 75	55 00	56 00	5 00	1 50
R. M. Blocker	Anacoco						
W. D. Stayton	Springville	525 00	328 00	75 00	49 80	15 35	5 00
	East Point						
J. W. Medlock	South Bossier	500 00	400 00	63 50	42 80	11 75	6 50
William Hart	North Bossier	450 00	252 00	65 00	36 00	22 00	5 25
		8,140 00	5,592 95				

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NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Amount Received.	Amount Assessed for P. Elder.	Amount Paid to P. Elder.	Collected for Widows, Orphans and Superannuates.	Collected for Bishops.
CHRISTIAN KEENER, P. E.	*Alexandria District.*		208 00				
Samuel Keener	Alexandria and Pineville	$500 00	$234 20			$10 50	$10 60
J. L. P. Sheppard	Rapides	450 00	260 00	$45 00		16 00	2 50
Philip Allen	Montgomery	400 00	207 46	40 00	$26 50	5 35	1 45
C. R. Godfrey	Harrisonburg & Sicily Island	500 00	332 00	50 00	25 00	7 50	10 00
D. A. Boddie and W. R. Whatley	Centerville	400 00	50 00	50 00	21 05	3 45	3 40
George Jackson	Trinity	350 00	235 00	35 00	35 00	20 00	2 00
John F. Wynn	Columbia	600 00	560 00	70 00	38 50	32 00	10 00
James A. Biggs	Castor	300 00	97 25	30 00	3 00		
F. G. Hocutt	Bayou Bœuff	560 00	394 05	50 00	42 40	24 00	6 60
Fred White	Evergreen	500 00	200 00	50 00		8 00	2 50
J. W. Hearn	Spring Creek	300 00	96 00	30 00	14 00		
		4,860 00	2,873 96				
JACOB D. HARPER, P. E.	*Opelousas District.*	600 00	340 00				
J. J. Billingsley	Opelousas	400 00	345 00	64 00	52 00	50 00	10 00
J. V. Pointer	Grand Coteau	100 00	42 00	25 00	25 00	23 00	5 00
Robt. S. Isbell	Washington	800 00	409 30	70 00	32 90	28 50	10 00
Baxter Clegg	Vermillionv'e & Plaq. Brulée		435 00	64 00	50 00	37 00	6 00
E. B. Foust	Abbeville	800 00	238 60	88 00	27 00	6 00	2 25
Abel Hoffpauir	Indian Bayou		140 00	40 00	9 00		
M. C. Manley and J. E. Cobb	New Iberia	800 00	430 00	90 00	50 75	90 00	10 00
B. F. White	Franklin	1 000 00	545 60	64 00	26 75	60 00	10 00
Alfred E. Clay	Pattersonville & Morgan City	600 00	650 00	70 00	35 00	22 50	5 00
J. F. Scurlock	Lake Charles	500 00	267 05	50 00	26 70	22 70	7 00
Geo. T. Freeman	Grand Chenière						
Patrick Galvin	Sugar Town	300 00	99 00	25 00	9 25		
W. Pilley	Calcasieu Mission						
		5,900 00	3,941 55				

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICT.	Amount Allowed for Ministerial Support.	Amount Received for Ministerial Support.
New Orleans District	$12,550 00	$11,155 45
Delhi District	10,905 00	5,699 45
Homer District	6,190 00	4,617 80
Shreveport District	8,140 00	5,592 95
Alexandria District	4,860 00	2,873 96
Opelousas District	5,900 00	3,941 55
	$48,545 00	$33,881 16
Deficit		14,898 84
	$48,545 00	$48,780 00

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

BAXTER CLEGG, JOHN T. SAWYER, J. LANE BORDEN.

Class First Year—Jos. W. Medlock, B. F. Alexander, J. J. Billingsby.
Class Second Year—J. A. Miller, John Pipes, A. A. Cornett.
Class Third Year—John Mathews, B. F. White, J. M. Brown.
Class Fourth Year—Joseph B. Walker, Jas. E. Cobb, C. W. Carter.

UNDERGRADUATES.

Class of First Year.

Robert M. Blocker, James M. Beard, Samuel Keener.

Class of Second Year.

J. B. Cassity, John T. Graham, Patrick Galvin,
J. L. P. Sheppard, James A. Biggs.

Class of Third Year,

A. M. Wailes, W. M. R. Whately, S. H. Werlein,
T. K. Faunt LeRoy, Thomas J. Hough.

CONFERENCE VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE :

Rev. John T. Sawyer, Rev. John Hannon.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE :

Rev. Thos. J. Hough, Rev. Joel T. Daves.

HOMER COLLEGE :

Rev. James A. Parker, Rev. A. Cornett

REPORT NO. 7.

Report No. 7 of Committee on Itinerancy of the late General Conference was concurred in by the Annual Conference by a vote of 55 for concurrence to none for non-concurrence. Said Report is as follows :—

REPORT NO. 7 ON ITINERANCY.

The Committee on Itinerancy have had under very careful consideration the many papers from various sources, in regard to the composition and basis of representation of a General Conference, and report the following as the result of their deliberations:

1. They recommend that Answers 1 and 2 to Question 1, Section 1, Chapter II., pages 32 and 33, of the Discipline, be so amended as to read as follows, viz:

Ans. 1. The General Conference shall be composed of *one* clerical member for every *thirty-six* members of each Annual Conference, and an equal number of lay members. Of the lay members from an Annual Conference, one may be a local preacher.

The clerical representatives shall be elected by the clerical members of the Annual Conference: *provided*, that such representatives shall have been traveling preachers at least four calendar years next preceding their election, and are in full connection with an Annual Conference when elected, and also at the time of holding the General Conference. The lay representatives shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference: *provided*, that such representatives be twenty-five years of age and shall have been members of our Church for at least six calendar years next preceding the time of their election, and also at the time of holding the General Conference.

2. An Annual Conference entitled under the second Restrictive Rule to one ministerial delegate, shall not be denied the privilege of one lay delegate, and he may be a local preacher.

The committee also recommend that the second Restrictive Rule in the Discipline, page 36, be so amended as to read as follows, viz:

2. They shall not allow of more than one representative for every eighteen members of the Annual Conference, nor allow of a less number than one for every sixty: *provided, nevertheless*, that when there shall be any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction: *and provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of two delegates, one clerical and one lay.

JOHN S. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN.
C. G. ANDREWS, SECRETARY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Extracts from Committee Report of Sunday Schools:

"We do hope that brethren will regard the express injunction of the Discipline, and try to organize Sunday Schools where ten *persons*, not ten children simply, can be gathered together. We emphasize this point because it has been found by actual experience, that it is practicable to organize Bible Classes composed of adults: and much good has actually been done in this field of labor."

"We would urge upon pastors the importance of atteuding Sunday Schools in their charges. How can a pastor make an intelligent report to the Quarterly Conference as to the condition of the Sunday School and of the pastoral instruction of children, when he has no personal knowledge of the internal workings of the School?"

As to our Sunday School Periodicals, the Committee report:

"As an endorsement of our own approval of these papers, we are happy to be able to refer to the testimony, as reported to us, of the Rev. Dr. Vincent, one of the leading Sunday School workers of the world, who pronounces them the best published."

"We have had referred to us a communication from the New Orleans Sunday School Union, calling a State Sunday School Convention in New Orleans on the 21st, 22d and 23d days of February, said Convention to be held in the First Presbyterian Church. Each evangelical Sunday School is allowed two delegates, who may be the pastor and superintendent, or any teachers selected by the school, but they must be actually engaged in Sunday School work. The Union extends to schools of our church a cordial invitation, and as we regard the proposed Convention as a valuable aid in arousing an interest in, and advancing the great cause in hand, we recommend that our people accept the invitation, and send delegates where it is found practicable."

"In conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the decrease which appears in the aggregate of our statistics, we will redouble our energies in behalf of the Sunday School, and we will constantly pray that along with the instruction which may be imparted may come the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon our Sunday Schools, so that we may be assured not only that our children have been received into the visible Church by baptism, but have really by faith been adopted into the family of God.

J. M. BROWN,
W. H. FOSTER,
J. W. SCURLOCK.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The following Resolutions were appended to the Report of the Committee on Bible Cause:

Resolved, That we urge it upon our people to make the Bible their daily companion, and to teach it to their children in their Schools on the Sabbath days, and on the week days—and "tell of it when they sit in their houses, and they walk by the way, and when they lie down and rise up."

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services of the Directors of the South Western Bible Society in their past efforts to circulate Bibles among our people, and do greatly esteem the worthy men who have hitherto held this position.

Resolved, That we will aid the Society in all available modes, such as by public collections in our congregations, founding auxiliary societies, giving and receiving contributions in aid of distribution of the Bible.

JOHN A. MILLER,
BAXTER CLEGG,
R. S. TRIPPETT.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Report of the Committee on Overture from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, regarding the Observance of the Sabbath Day, was adopted by the Conference, and is as follows ;

BISHOP AND BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred a Communication from the Committee of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in relation to the desecration of the Sabbath day, have taken the subject under consideration ; and beg to say that we are in earnest sympathy with all who are afflicted at the desecration of the Lord's day ; are ready to co-operate in all legitimate means, to lead men to conform in public and in private to the law of God.

BAXTER CLEGG,
J. F. MARSHALL.

The following on this subject offered by A. E. Read, was adopted by the Conference :—

Resolved, That we will and do recommend that our people avail themselves of the provisions made by our State laws, and urge upon their respective authorities such legislation as will best secure the object in view.

EDUCATION.

Extracts from Report of Committee on Education :

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

We regret to learn that the prospect of a large increase of patronage to Centenary College was disappointed by the appearance of Yellow Fever at various points contiguous to Jackson. Still, we are glad to know that the Classes are gradually filling up. This venerable Institution, now in its 54th year, the joint property of the Louisiana and Mississippi Annual Conferences, should fill the eye of each member of our body. It is our College. It is well located, in a healthy and beautiful country. The President, Dr. Andrews, is well known to the members of this body. We are assured that its chairs are filled by the best and most competent of men. The course of instruction is full, abreast of the best institutions in the land. The cost of a full course is below many similar schools. The sons of ministers, and young men preparing for the ministry, are educated free of tuition. And then it is *our* College. The history it has made in the past 50 years, is a silent but eloquent appeal to us. It ought to be the source of inspiration to rally to its support. It is struggling to maintain a useful and honorable existence—it is striving to be true to its past.

Let us then in our prayers, by personal and pastoral influence, rally to its support. It stands upon its own merits. It proposes to give full return for all it receives. It is no charity that it calls for. It is not only a matter of the highest obligation but of the highest interests, that calls for successful rallying to Centenary College. Your Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That we here again solemnly pledge ourselves to the support of Centenary College by all the means in our power.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

As in the lower part of our beautiful State stands Centenary College, with open doors and wide halls for the reception of our boys, so in the upper part, beautiful for situation, rises up a splendid three-story building, Mansfield Female College, with full capacity to meet all the demands of our girls. The Conference at large should never cease to feel the obligation it owes to the venerable Dr. Thweatt, by whose energy, faith and prayer, Mansfield Female College had an existence. He lingers in our midst, aged, infirm and will soon pass to his great reward in Heaven, while Mansfield Female College will stand for years and years to come, to bless the present and rising generations.

It is with pleasure that your Committee learn, through the Report of the Board of Managers, that the College is in a prosperous condition. It is not in debt. It is self-supporting. The revenue arising from rents is ample for all purposes of repaires, &c. The Presidency of Rev. Thos. Armstrong, A. M., is eminently satisfactory to the Board of Managers. As an evidence that his administration is not only satisfactory to the Board but to the public, your Committee need only to state, that, notwithstanding the stress of hard times, Yellow Fever panic, &c., there are a larger number of boarders in College and attendants from the community than there has been for years. We are glad also to state the number is increasing all the while. Your Committee is pleased to state that the course of instruction is full, up to all the demands of the hour, and that the daughters of travelling preachers are educated free of charge for tuition. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That we are gratified to know of the prosperity of Mansfield Female College, and most heartily commend it to the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That the following Board of Managers be elected for the ensuing Conference year:—

Rev. John Pipes, Rev. Joel T. Daves, Rev. Robert Randle, Major William Baynon and Israel Brown.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

CLERICAL—J. M. Brown, J. A. Miller, R. J. Harp, B. F. Alexander, B. Clegg, G. M. Liverman, R. Parvin, J. Pipes, Fred. White, J. M. Franklin, and J. M. Johnston.

LAY—H. J. Davis, T. A. Armstrong, E. W. Jackson, N. C. Gibbs, W. D. Gooch, J. M. Gibbs, J. Porter, R. W. Freeman, H. S. Kennedy, N. G. Jordan, and H. Hampton.

HOMER COLLEGE.

The silence between the Louisiana Conference and Homer College has been broken by a Report from the Board of Trustees presented to this body, in which reference is made to the past, with an implied if not expressed desire for relations of amity. The Board nominates and asks our confirmation of R. A. Smith as President of Homer College. Your Committee, understanding that the legal relations of this body to said College are to-day what they were from the beginning, and without any endorsement of the past acts of the Board, or its future action without the consent of the Conference, recommend the confirmation of R. A. Smith as President of Homer College.

JOEL T. DAVES,
THOS. ARMSTRONG,
N. N. CORNELL,
R. S. ISBELL,
A. C. CALHOUN,

R. A. Smith was confirmed by the Conference as President of Homer College.

The Committee on Education made a Third Report as follows :

Your Committee on Education, by formal action of your body giving definite instructions, beg leave to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Conference petition the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to abrogate the charter of Homer College, and that the Bishop presiding be requested to appoint a committee to carry out the resolution.

Rev. B. F. Alexander offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of the Committee on Education :

Resolved, That the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, hereby memorialize the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to so amend the charter of Homer College that the connection of the Conference with said College be severed, and that the control be placed wholly in the Board of Trustees

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to secure this amendment by the Legislature.

After some discussion, the vote was taken on the substitute, and found to be 25 for to 19 against.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Walker then offered the following :

Whereas, The Trustees of Homer College have instituted suits on subscriptions in utter disregard of the wishes of this Conference, expressed by formal resolutions ; *and whereas*, The Louisiana Annual Conference regards these suits as improvident and oppressive ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Louisiana Annual Conference disavows in toto any part or lot in said suits.

Resolved, If the Trustees of Homer College continue to press these suits, the Conference will not endorse nor commend Homer College to the patronage of our people within our bounds, and that these resolutions be published in the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Being put to a vote, these resolutions were adopted by a vote of 29 to 27.

The Committee appointed to memorialize the Legislature as to Homer College is as follows :

Rev. Joseph B. Walker, DD., Rev. Linus Parker, DD., and William H Foster, Esq.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

The Report of Committee on Church Publications, as adopted, is as follows :

REPORT ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

I. The Committee to whom was refered the consideration of our Church Publications, beg leave to report. We have no reports from any of our Church papers referred to us, but we know the character of these weeklies, that they are generally conducted with ability, and fidelity to the doctrines,

usages and polity of our branch of Zion. We commend them to the patronage of our people. Every Methodist household ought to take at least one of our Church papers, in no other way can we keep ourselves posted as to the various enterprises, and progress of our Church. These denominational journals, increase our information, quicken our zeal, suggest occasions, and discover opportunities for sanctified activities. Our own Organ under the able editorial management of Dr. Parker, specially commends itself to the approval of this Conference, and the general patronage of our people. Your Committee express the hope that in the future conduct of the paper, the advertisements will be more under editorial supervision, and that no improper advertisements will be allowed to appear in the columns of the advertising department.

II. Dr. Cuningham is furnishing valuable and well adapted literature for the children of the Church. Our people should liberally avail themselves of these auxiliaries in training their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Your Committee express the hope that at an early day our Book Agent will be able considerably to reduce the cost of our Publishing House publications, and bring them into a nearer correspondence with the stringency of the times, and the general reduction of prices.

III. A Southern Methodist Quarterly Review is projected, and it is presumed will be issued from the Publishing House at an early day. There can be but one opinion among the cultivated and the thoughtful as to the necessity and importance of an able Review, as a medium for the expression of the best and most needed thought. Great questions, questions which imperatively force themselves upon the Church, cannot be discussed in our weeklies with that elaborateness and exhaustiveness that their vast significance demands. Let the contemplated Southern Methodist Review be sustained by the sanctified learning, and liberalty of our Church.

IV. Your Committee deem the present an oppertune and fitting occasion for giving some expression in relation to the indebtedness of our Publishing House. We deem it quite too late to discuss the policy, and causes of this indebtedness. The debt exists—it is the debt of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Recognizing the wisdom and the imperativeness of the apostolic injunction, "Owe no man anything," we feel that we must pay the debt. We cannot, we dare not, we will not repudiate. Our honor as a Church is sacred, it must never be sullied.

Whereas, It has been the policy of our Church from its foundation to have a Publishing House; *and whereas*, our General Conference has established, and maintained in existence, our present Publishing House at Nashville, by electing a Book Editor, a Publishing Agent and Executive Book Committee, with large powers to conduct and administer the affairs of said House—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Annual Conference does not deem it a matter of duty, or expediency at this time to pass any resolutions looking to the abolition of the Publishing House at Nashville, established by the authority of the General Conference, and now administered by a Book Committee elected by the General Conference at its last session.

II. Touching the debt due by our Publishing House, the minority submit the ollowing considerations and resolutions: *Whereas*, we as a Church, are in debt, and acknowledge our obligation to pay this indebtedness; *and whereas*, the effort, made upon the recommendation of the Bishops, to pay this debt by general cash collections has failed, only realiizng a small proportion of the gross amount; *and whereas*, there is no encouraging reason to hope that another attempt in this direction will be crowned with any better results—Therefore,

Resolved, That the financial plan adopted by the Book Committee elected by, and acting under the authority of the General Conference, of paying the debt by the sale of four per cent. bonds, is the best and most feasible yet presented.

Resolved, 2. That we commend this plan to the favorable consideration of our people

JOSEPH B. WALKER,
B. F. ALEXANDER,
JAS. A. PARKER,
JOHN PIPES,
JAS. E. COBB,
JNO. F. MARSHALL,
ALVAN. E. READ.

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Conference adopted the following:

Resolved, That this Conference approves the Editorial management of the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and that we pledge ourselves to promote its circulation.

EPISCOPAL DECISION.

The CASE of D. A. BODDIE—AN APPEAL by the QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of Centerville Circuit, Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference—from the decision of Christian Keener, Presiding Elder, to the Bishop presiding at Session of the Conference, convening in New Orleans, Jan. 8th, 1879.

It appears from the Appeal, and from the Journal of this Conference—

That D. A. Boddie was admitted on trial three years ago. He was recognized as an ordained Elder from the Baptist Church in 1873, *Credentials* to that effect having been furnished by Bishop Pierce.

At the last Session of Conference he was eligible to full Connection, and stood an acceptable Examination on the course of study prescribed, but for some cause he was not admitted; and therefore was a *preacher on trial* when appointed to Centreville Ct., and as such amenable to the Quarterly Conference for his moral conduct. Shortly after receiving his appointment, reports and complaints affecting the moral character of D. A. Boddie caused the Presiding Elder, C. Keener, to call a Committee of Investigation in his case.

While the Committee were deliberating and when near the conclusion of their labors, but before a bill of charges and specifications had been presented to him, D. A. Boddie surrendered to the Presiding Elder his credentials. The preparations for a trial proceeded no further: there was no arraignment of D. A. Boddie in the Quarterly Conference which met in the same place and very soon after: and the Presiding Elder succeeded in finding a very acceptable and competent local preacher who was at once put in charge of Centreville Circuit.

For a while the odium and weariness which too often accompany the details of a formal trial were avoided: but in this case it was found, as generally it will be found, that such a course, though meant for peace, is not as good for the peace of the Church, as a firm course of discipline pursued to the end.

In a letter to the Bishop presiding at the last Session of this Conference, to whom D. A. Boddie made complaint, (a copy of which letter the said Boddie has here presented,) he says, alluding to the surrender of his credentials: "Wherefore the person authorized to present the Charges and Specifications before the Quarterly Conference, withheld them. Immediately thereafter myself and friends ascertained that the fact of my non-trial had been converted by my enemies and persecutors into an opportunity for circulating against me the most scandalous and disgusting slanders. I was therefore advised by many members and respectable friends of my Church throughout the Circuit, to demand the restoration of my credentials and a speedy and public trial. In furtherance of this object the following petition was drawn up and signed by 139 persons, among whom rank the most influential members of the Church, together with the most responsible and influential friends of the Church, composed of Doctors, Lawyers, Farmers, merchants and others, which was duly forwarded to the Presiding Elder," &c.

At the Second Quarterly Conference, May 9th, the Presiding Elder being absent, the local preacher who had been put in charge of Centerville Circuit presided. Before this body D. A. Boddie presented himself and demanded a trial as a Minister of the Gospel.

The demand was not allowed, but the Quarterly Conferenee adopted these Resolutions—after preamble—

"*Resolved*—That it is the sense of this Quarterly Conference, that he ought to have a trial before this body.

Resolved—That while we do not presume to dictate to our worthy and most respected Presiding Elder, we earnestly request that Bro. Boddie may be publicly charged in proper form and manner before this body, and tried publicly and impartially."

To the request of the 139 memorialists and the Quarterly Conference, the Presiding Elder replied—declining to restore the Credentials or to take measures for the trial of D. A. Boddie as a preacher before the Quarterly Conference, on the ground that as an officer of the Church he had received the Credentials of D. A. Boddie and felt it his duty to deliver them to the Annual Conference which only had the power to restore them. Upon this Decision of the Presiding Elder, which was made known to the Third Quarterly Conference, that body appeals.

And their appeal contains the alternative, that if said Boddie had no right to demand of the Presiding Elder a trial before the Quarterly Conference and the restoration of his Credentials—then, they recommend and petition that this body restore to him.

The Decision of the President of the Annual Conference on this Appeal is:

First—That the ruling of the Presiding Elder disallowing the right of D. A. Boddie to a trial before the Quarterly Conference was correct.

And further, that his act was legal when he declined to restore the Credentials of said D. A. Boddie.

Second—Inasmuch as D. A. Boddie ceased to be a Minister of this Church, upon the surrender of his license, and there is no evidence here presented of his having been since re-licensed, it is not lawful for the Annual Conference to restore him the Credentials which have come, through a proper officer, into its keeping.

The authority to exercise the office of an Elder, which is contained in these "Credentials," can be given only to one who is already a licensed preacher, and who has been recommended as such by a Quarterly Conference, for the restoration of his Credentials.

H. E. McINTYRE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Conference assembled in Basement of Carondelet Street Church, at 7 P. M., of Monday, January 13, 1879, Rev. Baxter Clegg presiding.

After the reading of Psalm XC. and prayer by Rev. R. S. Trippett, Conference sang Hymn No. 737.

Then, Rev. J. Lane Borden, of the Committee on Memoirs, read the following :

REV. PHILIP H. MOSS.

Rev. Philip H. Moss was born Sept. 17, 1849, in Lexington, Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He received a good education from his father, Prof. Thos. B. Moss, of Meson Academy, a prominent educator in that State. In 1867 he came to Lowndes County, Alabama and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. E. Phillips at Letohatchee Church, in Lowndes County in the summer of 1870. Soon after his conversion, he became impressed that he was called to preach the Gospel, but for a long time he resisted the call. At last he yielded to the Divine will and was licensed to preach by the Fort Deposit Quarterly Conference in the fall of 1872. In December of the same year he was received on trial in the Alabama Conference at Eufaula For three successive years he labored with great acceptability on the Greenville Circuit. In 1876 he was sent to Troy and Brundidge, where God gave him many seals of his ministry, and the people became bound to him with ties that never can be broken. When, at the close of the year he was transferred to the Louisiana Conference, the Alabama Conference by resolution expressed their confidence in him, approval of his work, and regret for his departure. He was sent to the Monroe and Delhi Circuit, which he served for nearly two years—until God called him. No preacher ever accomplished more there, although he had many obstacles at the very outset. The churches became alive. Under his pungent, plain and spiritual preaching, sinners were awakened and converted. Scarcely a Sunday passed without additions to the Church. In fact, his whole pastorate was a continued revival. In May, 1877, at Delhi there was a most gracious revival. It was the time appointed for Quarterly Conference but neither Presiding Elder nor any other preacher could get there because of the overflow. God stood by His servant. Eighty were added to the Methodist Church and nearly twenty to the Presbyterian. Having been returned to the Circuit, in May, 1878, he married Mrs. Mollie D. Fontaine. She was a true, good wife and proved a worthy helpmeet in his life work. He attended the District Conference at Waterproof the first of last August. Here God seemed to give him a special annointing. Socially, in the Conference Room, and in the pulpit, he was a power of good. He certainly had the tongue of fire. Upon his return, he found the dread Yellow Fever had made its appearance at Delhi and his wife had gone to a place of safety. He joined her and for some days remained there hoping that the Fever would disappear as there was only one case. This hope proved illusive. Several of his members were taken down. He came in and with his faithful wife worked for the Master. His labors were unceasing. He exhausted his physical powers in his work of love and mercy. By the bedside of the sick and dying, at the grave—*everywhere*—he was ever the true soldier of the Cross. Finally, his wife was prostrated by the scourge, and while ministering to her, he also became a victim. When consciousness returned to Sister Moss, her husband and son were buried. The sword had worn out the scabbard. Almost imme-

diately after he was attacked, he became delirious. Even then, out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth spoke. His ravings were of the Church, of the sick and dying. Repeatedly he endeavored to get up and go out among the suffering. A few hours before he died, consciousness seemed to return. He knelt by his bedside and prayed; then saying to the negro nurse that he was ready to go, with the glory of Heaven already in his countenance, he fell asleep and awoke in Heaven. In Monroe his death was regarded as a public calamity. Strong men—even the irreligious—wept at the news. Hoary age and sunny childhood alike felt the shadow of heartfelt grief. To those who knew him not, all descriptions of his character would seem extravagant eulogy. His manners were ever gentle, courteous and attractive to all. Everywhere he went, the little children clung to him as they did of old to the Master whose footsteps he followed even unto death. He was a man of prayer. His most intimate friend asserts, that Bro. Moss was never by himself an hour without kneeling in prayer. He was a devoted student of God's word. He not only read a portion each day but he studied it. Besides this, he systematically read religious books. He was well versed in our standards. With all of his studying, he found time to visit *all* his people. He was a pastor by natural gifts and still more so by grace. He had the happy art of religious conversation. Even the most irreligious enjoyed it. His preaching was of the Spirit and in the Spirit. His sermons were exceedingly plain, but *so* pointed, and clinched by illustrations drawn from every day life. In his presence you instinctively felt that God was near. Meek, humble, with an eye single to the Master's glory, Jesus led him on, step by step. He loved the Church. The last message received from him by Rev. J. Lane Borden, assistant preacher, was: "Take care of my charge. I am busy in the Lord's work."

Noble and true words. Sinners loved him and he was ever extraordinarily successful in bringing them to Christ. We still mourn him. The shadow of a great grief is upon us. But he has ascended the crystal stairway of glory with the palm of victory in his hands, and upon his head is the crown of rejoicing, gemmed with bright stars.

J. LANE BORDEN.

After the singing of "Oh, Come Angel Band," Rev. R. Parvin read an extract eulogistic of Bro. Moss, taken from a secular paper; he also made some touching remarks, being followed by Reverends J. M. Brown, H. O. White, G. M. Liverman, B. F. Alexander, J. M. McKee and T. S. Randle.

REV. TIFF FOSTER.

Rev. John Pipes, of the Committee on Memoirs, had prepared the Memoir of Rev Tiff Foster. In his absence, it was read by Rev. J. M. Brown, and is as follows:

Bro. Tiff Foster was born in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in 1850 and died with Yellow Fever in New Orleans, October 23, 1878, aged twenty-eight years. He spent his boyhood days on his father's farm where he lived and labored until he was some twenty years of age. Up to this time, he had only received the rudiments of an English education. Feeling now that he was called of

God to the work of the ministry, he resolved to prepare himself more fully for that work by completing his education. Hence, with the approbation of his father, he commenced his College course, first at Homer, and then at Centenary College, Louisiana. He spent some five years at these two Institutions, He graduated wsth first honors at Centenary College, July 1877. About the the time he started to school, he was licensed to preach, and preached some four years as a local preacher while a student at school. From Dr. Andrews we learn that he was a laborious student, a devoted Christian, and a faithful preacher, while at Centenary. On his return home from school, his father and family who had watched him with so much anxiety during his school term, were proud of him; and so were we all—for we found that he was fully resolved to consecrate himself to the itinerant work in the Louisiana Conference. His physical, mental and moral strength, gave the Church a hope that a vast amount of good would be realized from his life and labors. He was received into the travelling Connection on trial, at Opelousas, December, 1877, and was sent by that Conference to Moreau Street Church in this City. He came to his work, and up to the time of the Epidemic, was faithful and laborious in all the duties of a pastor. When the crisis came, and the plague made its appearance, and the hearts of many failed, he decided to remain, comfort his flock, and to suffer and, if need be, to die with them. Up to the time he took the Fever, he had been faithful, by day and by night visiting the sick and dying, and in administering to their necessities. His attack was violent from the first and the strong man in a few days yielded to the fatal stroke.

He fell at his post. His end was peace. We received a dispatch: "Tiff Foster is dead." We wept and said, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors." &c. JOHN PIPES.

Rev. J. M. Brown spoke at some length and very feelingly in regard to the deceased. He was followed by Reverends Geo. M. Liverman, Smith of the Mississippi Conference, J. B. Walker, Jno. Mathews, M. C. Wanley, R. Parvin, Joel T. Daves and Dr. J. J. Lyons.

REV. SAMUEL HENRY SCHROEDER.

The Memoir of Rev. Samuel H. Schroeder was read by Rev. Dr. J. B. Walker, and is as follows:—

Samuel Henry Schroeder was born in the City of New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1846. His father, Henry, and his mother, Martha Elizabeth Schroeder, were godly people, walking like Zacharias and Elizabeth in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. Samuel was like Samuel of old, a child of prayer, a child consecrated to the Lord. Like the Holy child Jesus, he was early found in the temple of the Lord, hearing and learning the way of Salvation. It was comparatively a slight transition in his 19th year to ratify and confirm the promise and vow of repentance, faith and obedience, contained in the baptismal covenant. His iniquities were forgiven, and his spiritual disease was healed, he had the clearest proof that his spiritual health had been fully restored, but his consciousness of it, as in the case of physical restoration to health, was gradually yet clearly attained. He was an active and successful Sunday School worker, and steward in the Church. In due time he was called to a higher and wider field of labor. In his 25th year, he felt that he was called to God, and moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon him the office and

work of the ministry. The Quarterly Conference of Moreau Street Church, in whose Sunday School he had been a pupil, and a teacher, licensed him to preach the gospel. This was in 1871. He was received on trial in the Louisiana AnnualConference at its Session in Jan'y, 1872, and appointed to Atlanta Evergreen and Big Cane, then to Harrisonburg and Sicily Island, to Opelousas for two years, then to Moreau Street in New Orleans, and at the Opelousas Conference in December, 1877 was granted, because of ill health, a Supernumerary relation. He was seven years a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference. His last pastoral labor was in supplying the place vacated by the death of our beloved and lamented Brother Foster. In the Moreau street Church he preached his first and his last sermon. He was a scholar of fairand accurate attainments, studious and fond of books. As a theologian, he was Wesleyan and well read in our standards. His mind was clear, well balanced and analytical. As a preacher he was instructive, spiritual and useful. His manners and address were dignified, refined and pleasing. He made many friends, and, so far as we are advised, no enemies. He was most diligent, and cheerfully helpful in every good work. He was an improving and developing man and his friends and the Church justly anticipated large and gracious results from his ministerial career. But how uncertain, how vain indeed, are all human anticipations!

Astronomically we can calculate when the sun shall reach its zenith, and when it shall sink behind the darkened West, but of ourselves and others we know not what a day may bring forth. A few brief days ago this heroic young soldier of the cross was accoutred in his armor, reporting for duty, and pressing to the front. He was attacked on Saturday, the 4th of January, and after 18 short hours he ceased to struggle, to suffer, and to live among men, only as he lives embalmed in our memories. Living as we do in a world full of sin, and ignorance, the sudden removal of such a man, and such a minister is a mystery past finding out, a mystery which the revelations of eternity can alone explain. This sudden call says to us, "Work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work." It says to us, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." On his dying bed, our sainted brother said to his sorrowing mother, that Christ was unspeakably precious,and had been more so to him than ever in the last months of his life. He was ready and ripe for the garner of God. Like his Lord, his deathless spirit rose from the tomb of the body, early on the first day of the week, and ascended to realize the fruition of his best and brightest hopes.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ—
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

He entered his rest the 5th of January, 1879.

J. B. WALKER.

After reading the foregoing Dr. Walker dwelt felecitously upon the many virtues of the deceased, being followed by Revds. R. T. Isbell, John T. Sawyer, Alfred E. Clay, Robert J. Harp and J. Lane Borden.

After adopting the Report of Com. on Memoirs, Conference adjourned and the Memorial Services were closed with the Doxology, and the Benediction by Rev. J. B. Walker, D. D.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and Biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4: Preacher's Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M.E. Church South; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works, Watson's Life of Wesley.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to its prophetical parts, Wesley's Sermons, vol, 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manual of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Hand Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons, Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whateley's Rhetoric.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppee's Logic; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5 to the end; Manual of Discipline, chapters 5, 6 and 7; Rivers' Mental Philosophy, and Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ of History, Neander's Life of Christ; Hickock's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism, Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whateley's Logic.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4, Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolical succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summer's on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppins' Homilitics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of Our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistle of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summer's on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The Examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted. The Undergraduates and the Committees of Examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M., Tuesday, before Conference session.

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Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened,* That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn, and L A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body, politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South," and by which name said corporation shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes and such charitable uses as may from time to time be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine Trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected president. The president and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of the said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representativee.

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